Inviting large EMS companies to invest in India

Relocation of manufacturing plants to India

- HRD in VLSI design/Embedded Software

Flexi labour laws

Patenting

Quality Certification

Rate of Depreciation

Soft bonding

Monitoring of schemes

*349. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have cleared the priority agenda, the list of thrust areas for 2003-04 relating to schemes, objectives as well as policy issues;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that out of the list of 47 priority/thrust areas related to schemes and objectives, seven schemes would be monitored by him while 40 items relating to objectives would be monitored by the Committee of Secretaries;

(c) if so, what is the total amount likely to be spent on these schemes; and

(d) by what time the work on these projects is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PUNNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The list of seven Projects/Schemes to be monitored by the Prime Minister and the list of 40 Projects/Schemes to be monitored by the Committee of Secretaries are placed at Statements! and II respectively (See below). Estimation of the likely expenditure on these

Projects/Schemes is difficult at this stage.Mn respect of Projects/ Schemes which have not yet commenced, action is proposed to be initiated in the current year.

***Statement*-I**

List of priority/thrust items related to Schemes/Projects
Category-I: Items to be monitored by Prime Minister

SI. No.	Ministry/Department	Items
1.	Commerce	Formulating appropriate policy and creating enabling environment to increase India's share in world exports from the existing level of 0.6% to 1%.
2.	Finance (Revenue)	Comprehensive computerization of Income Tax System to benefit income tax payers and improve tax administration.
3.	Health and Family Welfare	Monitor implementation of National Population Policy, especially initiatives overseen by empowered Action Group in Ministry of Health & Family welfare to focus on the eight States that are lagging behind (Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh).
4.	Rural Development	Monitor implementation of PMGSY and examine possibilities for allocation of greater resources, including from MFIs, which was under consideration.
5.	Rural Development/ Planning Commission	Monitor implementation of SGRY with a view to ensuring efficacy in the creation of work

SI. No.	Ministry/Department	Items
		opportunities. The efficacy and effectiveness of the food for work element in the scheme may be studiedly Planning Commission, in the light of poor management of this aspect.
6.	Road Transport & Highways	Timely completion of the Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West Corridors.
7.	Textiles	Speedy implementation of the assistance package announced by PM for the weavers and artisans.

***Statement*-II**

List of priority/thrust items related to Schemes/Projects

Category-ll: Items to be monitored by Prime Minister

SI. No.	Ministry/Department	Items
1.	Agricultural Research & Education	IPR issues related to Genetically Modified planting material and seeds like Bt. cotton.
2.	Animal Husbandry & Dairying	Devising suitable interventions to improve the quality of marine as well as inland fisheries products.
3.	Chemicals & Petrochemicals	Implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Chemical Industry.
4.	Coal	Improving the quality of coal and encouraging competition through imports by looking at the duty structure.
5.	Commerce/ Department of Revenue	Complete introduction of Electronic Data interchange

SI. No.	Ministry/Department	Items
		with regard to foreign trade for on-line filing, data collection etc.
6.	Consumer Affairs-	Comprehensive review of the functioning of the BIS with a view to strengthening its core competencies and exploring the possibility of outsourcing some of its activities
7.	Development of North-Eastern Region	Streamlining the procedures for sanctioning projects under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for North-East
8.	Drinking Water Supply	Putting in place requisite mechanism to monitor the quality of drinking water and devising effective IEC (Information, Education and Communication) interventions to disseminate information and educate people on health and hygiene aspects of clean drinking water.
9.	Drinking Water Supply	Conversion of present ARWSP programme to community level participatory reforms oriented programme. Also examine steps to facilitate rain water harvesting in rural areas to support this programme and formulate innovative projects for rain water harvesting.
10.	Drinking Water Supply	Monitoring the implementation of Plans to provide drinking water to 15503 NC and 1,31,715 PC habitations and undertaking fresh

SI. No.	Ministry/Department	Items
		surveys to suitably modify the action plans. Also, expediting installation of one lakh hand-pumps in water scarce areas, providing drinking water facilities to one lakh primary schools in rural areas and reviving one lakh traditional sources of drinking water.
11.	Environment and Forests	Monitor implementation of Ganga Action Plan and other schemes to check discharge of pollutants into water bodies. Prepare plan for comprehensive coverage of all important water bodies in the country within a reasonable time-frame.
12.	Environment and Forests	Devise suitable interventions through Government Agencies as well as NGOs to increase forest cover to 25% by 2007 and 30% by 2012.
13.	Family Welfare	Putting in place suitable institutional mechanism for inter-sectoral co-ordination among related Government Departments to make Family Welfare Programmes people centered. Also, formulate and enact the National Strategy for Social Marketing.
14.	Family Welfare	Ensuring 100% coverage under immunization.

SI.No	Ministry/Department	Items
15.	Finance (Banking)/ Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation	Monitor implementation of two year action plan to issue Kisan Credit Cards through Commercial, Cooperative and Regional Rural Banks to all eligible farmers.
16.	Finance/Economic Affairs	Implement proposed programme for using the visual media to create awareness about economic reforms, on the basis of the concept paper made available to Department of Economic Affairs after PM's approval.
17.	Health	Setting up of a Drug Regulatory Mechanism including the regulations of the issue of spurious drugs.
18.	Health	Mainstreaming Indian System of Medicines and Homoeopathy and utilizing services of ISM practitioners for improving access to healthcare.
19.	Health	Effective interventions to impove the quality of Central Government Health Scheme Services. Also, review the functioning of super speciality institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to improve the quality of services.
20.	Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises	Formulating and implementing schemes for technology upgradation in order to improve the competitiveness of the Indian industry *vis-a-vis* global players.

SI.No.	Ministry/Department	Items
21.	Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises	Revamping the MoU System.
22.	Home Affairs	Creation of one lakh jobs in J&K in next two years.
23.	Information & Broadcasting	Formulate special packages for expansion and implementation of broadcasting infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir, North-East and border areas.
24.	. Information & Broadcasting	Use of Media for education of masses particularly on health, hygiene, literacy etc.
25.	Industrial Policy & Promotion	Identify industrial clusters with high growth potential for need based and specifically designed interventions.
26.	Information Technology	Setting up of a Task Force on Human Resource Development in Information Technology to prepare long- term strategy for significantly increasing the number of well trained Information Technology professionals.
27.	Posts	Undertake computerization of postal activities and ensure reliable connectivity of Post Offices across the country so as to provide quality services comparable to international standards. Also, reorient future business development with special emphasis on services like speed post, express parcels, e-post, e-billing, payments and presentment (EBPP), e-commerce.

SI.No	Ministry/Department	Items
28.	Power	Turn around of SPUs.
29.	Railways	Modernisation of Railways with special emphasis on computerization of freight traffic, improved signalling and railway tracks.
30.	Road Transport & Highways	Two-laning of the National Highways Network including two-laning of 4000 kms. and four laning of 800 kms. NHDP stretches.
31.	Road Transport & Highways	Action plan to deal with growing encroachments on the National Highways.
32.	Science & Technology	Development of Models of Public Private partnerships for collaborative Research & Development between Private Companies and Governmental Science & Technology Institutions as well as Universities, to share the costs and benefits (IPRs).
33.	Science & Technology	Establishing Centres of Excellence and modernization of National Laboratories to strengthen R&D.
34.	Secondary & Higher Education	Replacing the existing scheme on vocationalisation of education with a new scheme based on modular approach and with emphasis on competence.
35.	Shipping	Encourage gradual shift of domestic cargo from the rail and road modes to inland water

SI. No .	Ministry/Department	Items
		transport, increasing its share from the present level of less than 1% to at least 2%.
36.	Textiles	Creation of enabling environment and interventions to increase India's Share in world textile trade from 3% to 10%.
37.	Urban Development	Monitor VAMBAY scheme for slum dwellers.
38.	Urban Development	Timely completion of the Delhi Metro Railway Transport System.
39.	Water Resources	Introduction of rain water harvesting and Artificial Recharge of groundwater in the curriculum of National Council for Educational Research & Training (NCERT) as well as the package being prepared by Vidya Vahini Project.
40.	Youth Affairs & Sports	Setting up of Youth Development Centres (YDC) in each of the 5000 blocks in the country, for functioning, among others, as Information Technologies Centres.

Old and damaged foodgrains with FCI

*350. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than one lakh tons of old and damaged foodgrains are lying with the various godowns of Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of such foodgrains stock as on date, State-wise;